

# Caring for people, our places and the planet:

## Our plan for Barnet 2023-2026



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Leader of Barnet Council

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Barnet is a great place to live and work but we have big ambitions for it to be even better.

We have a new vision for Barnet: one that puts Caring for People, our Places and the Planet at the heart of everything we do.

In the autumn of 2022, we engaged with residents, businesses and communities to develop this shared vision and our new ways of working, which will turn it into a reality.

We know we can only achieve this vision by being an engaged and effective council, one that works at a neighbourhood level with community partners. We will also ask for and listen to residents' and communities' views on how we run our services and invest in our places, giving them a say in decisions that affect them.

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### Caring for People – our vision

- Work closely with organisations at a local level to fight poverty and tackle inequalities which affect everything from health to education and work opportunities; ensuring no one is held back, whatever their background
- Create a more family friendly borough, giving our children and young people the best possible start in life, with excellent education and support to grow
- Enable all residents – particularly our older and disabled communities – to live well so they can lead fit, healthy and happy lives, feeling safe in their own homes and as part of a supportive community



### Caring for our Places – our vision

- Enable residents to have their say in how we breathe life back into our streets, town centres and neighbourhoods, making them clean, safe and welcoming, and hubs for communities to enjoy their unique characters
- Provide affordable, good-quality homes for a wide range of household needs, all located within easy reach of essential services, transport and public amenities, green spaces and served by a strong local economy
- Become a borough of fun; a place to enjoy ourselves, where people can meet, experience arts, culture, events, sports and hobbies that reflect our diverse communities

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## Caring for the Planet – our vision

- Respond to the climate emergency and start the journey to becoming a net zero council by 2030 and a net zero borough by 2042, working with local people, communities and businesses so all can share in the benefits of greener living
- Improve our local environment, so that residents enjoy clean air and waterways and reduced flooding from extreme weather
- Look after our precious parks and green spaces in ways to attract and support a wide range of wildlife, and to make them happy places to have fun, relax and improve our health and wellbeing



## An Engaged and Effective Council – our vision

- Give more power and resources to community groups and voluntary, charity and faith organisations to tackle and solve local issues, recognising and valuing their local knowledge and expertise
- Form stronger partnerships between the council and local organisations so that residents and communities can have their say in important decisions and can benefit from better joined-up services and investment in their neighbourhoods
- Ensure our council services are easily accessible to all and that every time residents contact the council they have a good experience

### Want more details?

Our full Corporate Plan 2023-26 sets out our vision and gives information on how we will put our plan into practice and deliver for our residents, communities and businesses. Read it here:

[www.barnet.gov.uk/corporateplan](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/corporateplan)

### Get involved

We want to work more closely with you – residents, community groups, and local organisations – to ensure we fund and support joined-up services that best reflect local needs, and direct investment so that it reaches our public places like streets, parks and town centres that need it most.

Engage Barnet will help you find and participate in discussions and consultations that interest you in Barnet. Have your say and take the opportunity to feedback, share your ideas, and influence decisions that matter to you. You can find out how we are using your feedback and ideas to help inform decisions.

We will also keep you updated on community news, events and how to get involved in your local community.

Please see: [engage.barnet.gov.uk](http://engage.barnet.gov.uk)

You can also sign up to our weekly digital newsletter at: [www.barnet.gov.uk/news/sign-our-newsletter](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/sign-our-newsletter)



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